

GJJAC Bidder's Conference Call

For Federal JJDP Act Title II Formula Grants Program

Focus: Deinstitutionalization of Status Offenders

- Request for Proposals -

January 5, 2006

10:00 AM

Mary E. Williams, Office Chief of the Office of Juvenile Justice, welcomed callers and provided a brief overview of the Request for Proposals.

One question was received by phone call prior to the Bidder's conference call, as follows:

1. Please provide clarification of research based and promising programs.

Some specific proven and promising program links are provided on page eleven (11) of the RFP. The following definitions (from SHB 1663, Sec. 2) are provided for clarification:

"Evidence-based" means a program or practice for which there is consistent scientific evidence showing that the interventions improve client outcomes.

"Research-based" means a program or practice that has some research demonstrating effectiveness, but that does not yet meet the standard of evidence-based.

"Theory-based" (Promising Program) means a program or practice that has general support among treatment providers and experts, based on experience or professional literature, may have anecdotal or case study support, and has potential for becoming a research-based program or practice.

2. a. Can potential applicants have a historical perspective of the successful proposals that have been funded, the types of projects and the population they served?

At any given time, the GJJAC has 50 plus programs funded. A list of currently funded projects is available on the GJJAC website: (<http://www.juvenilejustice.dshs.wa.gov/currentpp.html>). This list provides a brief description of the funded projects as well as contact information. We encourage you to contact the project directly or our office if you have questions on a specific funded project.

b. What discretion does an applicant have in hiring personnel? Is the expectation that it would be 1 FTE or half-time on a 12 month contract, or could it be a school year contract with varying hours, for example?

Hiring of personnel is at the discretion of the applicant. GJJAC expects that applications will include the resources needed to meet the anticipated outcomes.

c. Could you provide clarification around the definition of “research-based” programs? Is the expectation that this would be for Best Practices only, or could it also refer to Promising Practices that are research-based?

This information is provided above. The GJJAC is seeking proposals that are Research-based, Evidence-based or Theory-based (Promising Programs).

d. Would it be possible to have a roll-call or some way to determine who else is participating in the phone call?

Roll call was taken for the bidders’ conference for the record only.

- 3. Page three of the RFP states that “Any organization that is awarded funding from the GJJAC must provide a certificate of insurance naming DSHS as also insured.” Does this apply to Counties?**

This requirement does not apply to Counties (counties are an exception). Language to clarify this will be provided as part of the actual contract if a proposal is selected for funding.

- 4. How much of the project must be “research based”?** The underpinnings of the proposal need to be **theory-based or research-based**. All GJJAC funded projects require an independent evaluation based on the Logic Model.
- 5. Will the definitions of research based, theory based or promising practices be posted?** Yes. The posting will occur within 24 hours of this conference call (by 10:30 AM on January 5th, 2006), on the GJJAC website.
- 6. Will Title II funds be allocated on a geographic basis?** The GJJAC does not have a hard and fast rule about allocating funds on a geographic basis; however, the Committee does give consideration to rural and underserved communities as a part of its decision-making process. GJJAC focus is on the highest quality (most promising) proposals. When the scores are close, geographic distribution is one factor that may be considered. **Additional information:** See pages 5-6 of the RFP for a list of other factors that may influence selection decisions.
- 7. What bill are you referencing for definitions (regarding research based, evidence based, etc)?** It will be posted on the GJJAC website.
- Additional information not provided during the phone call:** The definitions are referenced in **SHB 1663, Sec. 2** from the 2005 legislative session—the bill did not pass. (SB 5763 was referenced by a participant during the bidder’s conference, but the definitions to which the GJJAC is referring are not contained in this bill.)
- 8. Will proposals from non-detention based Secure Crisis Residential Centers (S-CRCs) be considered for funding?**

Yes, both non-detention and detention-based S-CRCs are eligible to apply for these funds. The GJJAC is looking at a broad range of services for status offenders.

9. **Is this completely new money, or will currently funded programs also be applying/competing for these funds?** Currently funded Title II projects that are eligible for continuation funding will be funded from separate Title II funds. The amount available stated in the RFP (approximately \$275,000) will fund the DSO projects selected by the GJJAC in response to this RFP.

Additional clarification not provided during conference call: Pilot projects implemented through other fund sources; projects that propose to expand services to status offenders; or projects that propose to deliver services to a new population **are eligible to apply.**

10. **Is this the only opportunity to ask questions? Is there a deadline for questions?** The GJJAC staff are available to answer questions throughout the RFP process. You can call or email at any time. Additional questions and answers will be posted on the website as they arise.
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Additional questions received after the Bidder's conference call on January 5, 2006, at 10:00 AM:

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- **We are already receiving Title II funding for implementing JDAI. Are we eligible to apply for this new Title II grant?** Yes, as long as you are applying for a project/service that is different than the one for which you are already receiving Title II funding.
- **If we are already receiving Title II funding, can another agency apply for this grant and plan on offering services to our youth?** Yes, as long as the services provided by the new grant are not duplicating the services offered by the current Title II grant.